Amendments

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

<u>In the Drawings:</u>

Kindly substitute the enclosed FIGS. 6A-6B and 7 for the prior FIGS. 6A-6B and 7 submitted on November 2, 1999.

<u>In the Specification:</u>

Please amend the paragraph at page 9, lines 12-15, by substitution as follows:

Information bits in the short MAC header 400 are protected by the CRC sequence 410, which is preferably 8 bits, for header error detection. The short MAC header 400, shown in FIG. 6A as 34 total bits, is then coded using a punctured rate 1/3 code to obtain 76 bits.